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St. Charles County: Looking Back and Looking Forward

There were several big transportation stories that impacted St. Charles County in 2014. So, as the year comes to an end let's take a look back and a look ahead to 2015.

- 1) **Funding** was the biggest issue facing all of Missouri in 2014. Despite the failure of Constitutional Amendment 7, MoDOT remains committed to taking care of the system we have, for as long as we can, with the resources we have. The safety of motorists and our workers remains our number one priority, as does customer service. The reality is that our primary funding source, the fuel tax, hasn't changed in 20 years. So as costs go up, revenue goes down and that means fewer road projects. It also means that the condition of our existing system will begin to decline. It is not up to MoDOT to decide where our funding comes from, so it is vital that the funding discussion continues in 2015.
- 2) **The opening of Route 364/Page Phase 3** was long-awaited for St. Charles County and the region as a whole. The \$118 million, nine-mile road opened in two phases this fall. The opening marked the end of a regional transportation vision that began over 40-years ago.
- 3) **The new Daniel Boone Missouri River Bridge** continues to take shape. Crews set the last girder for the new eastbound bridge in December and will continue to work on the bridge into the spring of 2015.
- 4) **Safety improvement projects** were also a big part of 2014. Crews completed work on Route D and Route DD and began work on Route N between Route T and Route Z. Work will continue in 2015 on Route N between Route Z and Sommers Road.
- 5) **Improvements were made to Interstate 64** in 2014 with the resurfacing of westbound I-64 from Route DD to Lake St. Louis. In 2015, MoDOT will do pavement improvements on eastbound I-64 from Route 94 to the Missouri River and intersection and ramp improvements on South Outer I-64 from Route 94 to Route K.



Route 364/Page Phase 3 at Mid Rivers Mall Drive.



Crews set the final girder for the new Boone Bridge.